

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A commercial check out station system comprising:
  - a) a cash register means;
  - b) a biometric reader means for reading and storing a biometric data read by said biometric reader means; and,
  - c) a comparator means associated with said cash register means for comparing said stored biometric data with a second biometric data read by said biometric reader means for identifying [a person] only those persons authorized to [use] have access to said cash register means.
2. (Original) A commercial check out station system as in claim 1 wherein said cash register of said check out station system will automatically shut down if said cash register is not used for a predetermined time interval.
3. (Original) A commercial check out station system as in claim 1 wherein checks cashed through said cash register means are limited to employee payroll checks drafted by an employer/operator of said commercial check out station system.
4. (Original) A commercial check out station system as in claim 1 wherein said biometric reader means is a thumb print reader means.
5. (Original) A commercial check out station system as in claim 1 wherein said biometric reader means is a finger print reader means.
6. (Original) A commercial check out station system as in claim 1 which further includes a real time clock for providing a running tally of date, day of week, time of day and year.
7. (Original) A commercial check out station system as in claim 6 where in said cash

**register means is a plurality of cash register means.**

- 8. (Original) A commercial check out station system as in claim 7 each said cash register means of said plurality of cash register means includes**
  - a) a check reader means for reading a data on a check identifying an account on which said check is drawn and a bank which holds said account.**
- 9. (Original) A commercial check out station system as in claim 8 which further includes**
  - a) a standard card reader means for reading a credit card and a debit card; and**
  - b) a bar code reader means for reading data encoded in bar form code.**
- 10. (Original) A commercial check out station system as in claim 7 and said system further includes**
  - a) a central control station, coupled to each said cash register by a hard wire link and by a wireless link for communication between stations.**
- 11. (New ) A commercial check out station system comprising:**
  - a) a cash register means;**
  - b) means to automatically shut down said cash register means if said cash register is not used for a predetermined time interval;**
  - c) means to limit checks cashed through said cash register means to employee payroll checks drafted by an employer/operator of said commercial check out station system.**
  - d) a biometric reader means for reading and storing a biometric data read by said biometric reader means; and,**
  - e) a comparator means associated with said cash register means for comparing said stored biometric data with a second biometric data read by said biometric reader means for identifying only those persons authorized to access said cash register means.**